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Docket No.: K21402 USWO (C038435/0185657)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of : )  
Tatsuo HOSHINO and Masako SHINJOH )  
Serial No.: 10/528,899 ) Examiner: K. Ariani  
Filed: March 23, 2005 ) Art Unit: 1651  
For: **PRODUCTION OF L-ALDONOLACTONE** )

New York, New York  
August 6, 2007

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the erroneously issued Office Action mailed on February 9, 2007 and the Examiner Interview Summary dated August 1, 2007, which *vacated* the February 9, 2007 Office Action. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:** begin on page 3.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:** none.

**REMARKS** begin on page 5 of this paper.